

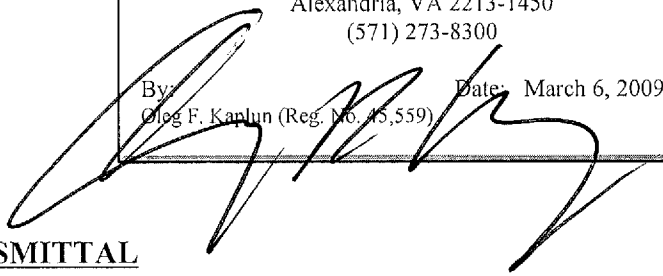
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Transmitted herewith please find an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 2, 2008 for filing in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension. Please charge the Credit Card of Fay Kaplun & Marcin in the amount of \$ 130.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees to the Deposit Account of **Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP No. 50-1492.**

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